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42. (Amended) The method of claim ~~41~~⁸ wherein the payor establishing routing criteria is any one of a governmental [or] and an insurance entity.

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46. (Amended) The method of claim ~~43~~⁹ wherein the payor establishing an approved route is any one of a governmental [or] and an insurance entity.

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47. (Amended) A system for controlling a vehicle to provide transportation services, comprising:

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a database documenting needed transportation services between an origin and destination, wherein routes routinely traveled by said vehicle under control of said system do not pass at least one of said origin and said destination;

processing circuitry performing a dispatching process without human intervention, said dispatching process including reviewing said database, identifying a need for immediate transportation service, and instructing said vehicle to provide said transportation service by travelling from said origin to said destination.

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28. (Amended) The system of claim ~~61~~²⁷ wherein said dispatching process includes selecting said route in accordance

with routing criteria demanded by any one of a governmental [or]
and an insurance [entities] entity.

63. (Amended) A system for [controlling] monitoring a
vehicle [to provide] providing transportation services,
comprising:

a database documenting needed transportation services;
processing circuitry performing a monitoring process
without human intervention, said monitoring process including
reviewing said needed transportation services and vehicle
activity information to identify transportation services which
are not being adequately provided.

91. (Amended) A method for controlling a vehicle to
provide transportation services, comprising:

documenting needed transportation services between an
origin and destination, wherein routes routinely traveled by said
vehicle in accordance with said method do not pass at least one
of said origin and said destination;

performing a dispatching process without human
intervention, said dispatching process including reviewing said
[database] documented transportation services, identifying a need
for immediate transportation service, and instructing said

~~CL~~ vehicle to provide said transportation service by travelling from
said origin to said destination.

59.3. (Amended) A method for [controlling] monitoring a
vehicle [to provide] providing transportation services,
comprising:

documenting needed transportation services;

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intervention, said monitoring process including reviewing said
needed transportation services and vehicle activity information
to identify transportation services which are not being
adequately provided.

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AB 94. (New) A system for verifying that an appropriate
charge has been made for a transportation service, comprising:

C8 interface circuitry receiving an origin and a
destination for said transportation service,

processing circuitry responding to said origin and
destination by applying routing criteria thereto to derive a
monetary value for said transportation service based upon said
origin and destination.

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~~95~~. (New) The system of claim ~~94~~⁶⁰ wherein application of said routing criteria identifies a shortest route from said starting point to said ending point.

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~~96~~. (New) The system of claim ~~94~~⁶⁰ wherein said interface circuitry and processing circuitry operate without human intervention.

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~~97~~. (New) The system of claim ~~94~~⁶⁰ wherein said monetary value is derived from a distance from said origin to said destination.

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~~98~~. (New) The system of claim ~~94~~⁶⁰ wherein said monetary value represents an amount to be paid by a third party in reimbursement for said transportation service.

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~~99~~. (New) The system of claim ~~98~~⁶⁴ wherein said routing criteria are promulgated by said third party.

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~~100~~. (New) The system of claim ~~98~~⁶⁴ wherein said third party is a business.

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~~101~~. (New) The system of claim ~~98~~⁶⁴ wherein said third party is any one of a governmental and an insurance entity.

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~~102.~~ (New) The system of claim ⁶⁴~~98~~ utilized in conjunction with a billing system, wherein said system is connected to said billing system to derive monetary values for transportation services provided by the billing system.

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~~103.~~ (New) The system of claim ⁶⁸~~102~~ wherein said system rejects charges provided by the billing system which exceed the derived monetary value therefor.

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~~104.~~ (New) The system of claim ⁶⁴~~98~~ utilized in conjunction with a payment system, wherein said system is connected to said payment system to derive monetary values for transportation services invoiced to the payment system.

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~~105.~~ (New) The system of claim ⁶⁴~~104~~ wherein said system rejects invoiced transportation services which exceed the derived monetary value therefor.

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~~106.~~ (New) The system of claim ⁶⁰~~94~~ wherein said transportation service is an ambulance service and said routing criteria are derived from costs of ambulance service.

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~~107.~~ (New) The system of claim ⁶⁰~~94~~ wherein said origin and destination are street addresses.

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~~108~~. (New) A method for verifying that an appropriate charge has been made for a transportation service, comprising:
receiving an origin and a destination for said transportation service,
applying routing criteria to said origin and destination to derive a monetary value for said transportation service based upon said origin and destination.

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~~109~~. (New) The method of claim ~~108~~ wherein application of said routing criteria identifies a shortest route from said starting point to said ending point.

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~~110~~. (New) The method of claim ⁷⁴~~108~~ wherein said receiving and applying steps are performed without human intervention.

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~~111~~. (New) The method of claim ⁷⁴~~108~~ wherein said monetary value is derived from a distance from said origin to said destination.

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~~112~~. (New) The method of claim ⁷⁴~~108~~ wherein said monetary value represents an amount to be paid by a third party in reimbursement for said transportation service.

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~~113~~. (New) The method of claim ~~112~~⁷⁸ wherein said routing criteria are promulgated by said third party.

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~~114~~. (New) The method of claim ~~112~~⁷⁸ wherein said third party is a business.

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~~115~~. (New) The method of claim ~~112~~⁷⁸ wherein said third party is any one of a governmental and an insurance entity.

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~~116~~. (New) The method of claim ~~112~~⁷⁸ utilized in conjunction with a billing for services, further comprising receiving bills for services and deriving monetary values for transportation services that are being billed.

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~~117~~. (New) The method of claim ~~116~~⁸² further comprising rejecting billed charges which exceed the derived monetary value therefor.

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~~118~~. (New) The method of claim ~~112~~⁷⁸ utilized in conjunction with payment for services, further comprising receiving invoices for services and deriving monetary values for transportation services that are being invoiced.